

Application No. 10/623,913
Response to the Office Action Mailed July 6, 2005
Amendment dated September 23, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Continued examination and favorable consideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 and 61-64 have been cancelled in this application. Previously pending claims 20-60 remain in this application.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in the Office Action mailed July 6, 2005, that claims 20-60 are allowed. The Examiner also raised rejections to claims 1-8, 11-13, 15, and 61-63 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and raised objections to claims 9-10, 14, 16-19, and 64. Applicants respectfully traverse all outstanding rejections and objections.

Solely in an effort to expedite prosecution, however, and without acquiescing in the propriety of the rejections and objection, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-19 and 61-64. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of claims 1-19 and 61-64 in a later application.

Based on all of the above, claims 20-60 should now be formally allowed and notification to that extent is earnestly requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application and a timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants or Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

If there are any fee(s) due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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